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## REMARKS

Base Hospital No. 10, Sydney

"Base Hospital 10 was taken over from the Army December 4, 1943. Its construction is the standard Army wooden type for forward areas with connecting corridors. Since it was taken over the insides of the buildings have been lined with canite and asbestos boarding and a gas heating system installed. The mess halls and galleys have been remodelled by putting in concrete decks and electrical equipment; and a garage motor shop and tennis courts have been built. In addition an 8" tin fence has been put around the grounds. The hospital has a very neat and well kept appearance and is considered excellently administered."--command of hospital--numbers of staff--bed capacity--

"Replenishments of medical supplies are by requisitions directly on Oakland or Brooklyn. It takes approximately 6 months for supplies on requisition to arrive, but, in case of necessity, medical supplies can be obtained from the Army. Evacuation of patients from this hospital is via Army hospital train to Brisbane and occasionally directly by ship from Sydney or Melbourne. Laundry is by civilian contract and some difficulty has been experienced in this service due to labor strikes. This hospital has not received its penicillin quota for November and December although it was said to have been shipped by air on December 6.

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"Total admissions to this hospital since its opening on September 12, 1943, have been 3,628; 2,712 have been returned to duty; 786 have been evacuated to the U.S; and there have been 10 deaths. The patient load on date of inspection was 117.

"Provisions are obtained from the Army through the Naval Medical

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REMARKS

(Base Hospital 10 continued)

Supply Depot in Sydney. There has recently been a reduction in fresh meat and butter allowed this hospital by the Army to the extent of 50% of such articles as allowed on a Navy general mess ration. A letter of protest has been sent to Commander Service Forces, 7th Fleet on the grounds that this reduction is detrimental to the health of patients and requesting that the reduction be limited to 25% of such articles as allowed on a Navy General Mess ration.

"Hospital Corps instruction of all hospital corps ratings except chiefs is conducted 3 times a week for higher ratings and daily for lower ratings. In addition there is carried on a 6 months official course in operating room technique and in laboratory technique with 4 men in each course."

Base Hospital #10

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## REMARKS

Sydney, Dec. 13, 1944

Navy activities located in Sydney, Australia are Navy Base Hospital  
No. 10, .....

The Naval Base Dispensary....

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"Base Hospital No. 10 is slated to remain in this area. Army  
Station Hospital 153 located in Sydney is to move forward and the  
plan is for Base Hospital No. 10 to allot 250 beds for the care  
of Army personnel with some Army personnel attached for liason purposes.  
At the presen time Base Hospital 10 has only 250 beds on hand, but pos  
es all the other facilities required of a 500 bed hospital. These  
additional beds will have to be procured. Base Hospital No. 10  
will then be the center of hospitalization for the Army and Navy  
personnel in this area and in addition for Navy personnel stationed  
at Canberra, Melbourne and Perth (estimated 6000 personnel). In  
addition it will be the hospitalization centr for U. S. Merchant  
Marine in the port, the Norwegian Navy and Merchant Marine personnel  
and injured government (civilian) employees. It is located about  
10 miles from other Navy activities in Sydney.

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